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TAGS: ETRD, MTN
SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND RESPONSE TO US MTN REQUESTS

REF: (A) PARA 7, GENEVA 7363, (B) STATE 135548

1. WE ARE INFORMED BY WOODFIELD'S OFFICE THAT THE LANGUAGE CITED IN PARA 1 OF REF B AND IN REF A REFERS TO A PROPOSAL BEING DISCUSSED IN WELLINGTON TO TRANSFER SELECTED ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE US FROM LICENSING CATEGORY "C" TO THE "BASIC" CATEGORY. APPLICATIONS TO IMPORT "C" ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY, AND IT IS GENERALLY -- ALTHOUGH NOT ALWAYS -- THE "C" ITEMS WHICH ARE MOST SENSITIVE, ON WHICH THE TIGHTEST CONTROL IS KEPT, AND WHICH THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES ARE LEAST ANXIOUS TO HAVE COMING INTO THE COUNTRY. BASIC ITEMS ARE THOSE FOR WHICH LICENCES ARE ISSUED ANNUALLY TO ESTABLISHED IMPORTERS SETTING MAXIMUM AMOUNTS (USUALLY MEASURED IN DOLLARS) OF PERMISSIBLE IMPORTS. THE THIRD CATEGORY AVAILABLE IN THE LICENSING SYSTEM IS "EXEMPT," INDICATING THAT NO EFFORT IS MADE TO RESTRICT

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IMPORTS THROUGH THE LICENSING SYSTEM.

2. ABOLITION OF LICENSING CONTROLS WOULD BE EFFECTED BY TRANSFERRING ITEMS INTO THE EXEMPT CATEGORY. PROPOSALS TO TRANSFER ITEMS FROM "C" TO "BASIC" WOULD APPEAR ON THE SURFACE TO REPRESENT LIBERALIZATION. THE CRUCIAL CONSIDERATION, OF COURSE, IS HOW THE AD HOC APPLICATIONS

FOR THE SPECIFIC PRODUCT ARE TREATED WHEN IT IS IN THE
"C" CATEGORY, AND HOW LARGE AN ALLOCATION WOULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR IT AS A "BASIC" ITEM. THE POSSIBILITY THAT
THE MOVE FROM "C" TO "BASIC" COULD RESULT IN LESS
IMPORTS OF A GIVEN PRODUCT IS BY NO MEANS EXCLUDED.
3. WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE THIS PROPOSAL IN TERMS OF
THE US REQUEST OF NOVEMBER 1. DESPITE EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH
OF POST'S E/C SECTION AND CENTRAL FILES, WE CAN FIND NO
RECORD OF HAVING RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE US REQUEST.
WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATED VERSION BY CABLE. WE ARE
INFORMED THAT NEW ZEALAND'S OFFER LIST TABLED
IN MARCH IS BEING COMPLETELY REVISED AT THIS TIME, AND
THAT A NEW OFFER LIST WILL BE PRESENTED TO CABINET FOR
APPROVAL JUNE 6. IN THE MEANWHILE, SHOULD ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION COME TO OUR ATTENTION, WE WILL SUBMIT IT BY
CABLE. HEALY

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